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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of September 10, 1996 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of treating chemical cellulose pulp produced by alkaline delignification and having a kappa number of under 24, having hexenuronic acid therein, comprising the steps of:

(a) treating chemical cellulose pulp produced by alkaline delignification $^{\circ}$ having a kappa number under 24 and at a solids consistency of between 0.1-50% [by removing at least 50% of the hexenuronic acid from the pulp] by treating the pulp at

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